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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Commissioners:

I don't think anyone can disagree that small businesses are the backbone of our American economy. Today, small businesses account for 60% of all new jobs. These jobs are essential as Connecticut and the United States gradually work their way out of the recent economic recession.

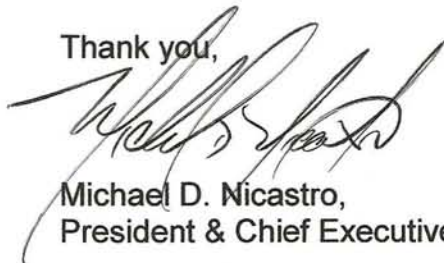
In recognizing that small business is one of the primary drivers of economic growth, we need to make every effort to assist them in any way possible. As such, the proposed marriage of AT&T and T-Mobile will provide many fundamental benefits to small businesses in Connecticut and around the country, and I am writing today to urge you to approve this merger.

As a result of this deal, the merged company will be able to extend the latest wireless speeds to 97% of all Americans--up from the 80% projected connectivity that would occur without the merger. This world class broadband access will do great things for small businesses across the country.

For example, companies can use this technology to access affordable online job training for employees, improved communication with suppliers, and faster outreach to potential and returning customers through their websites and email. These benefits will give American small businesses the competitive edge necessary to grow and prosper in these challenging times.

It is clear that the new AT&T will provide a myriad of benefits for small business in Connecticut and for entrepreneurs across America. I ask that you please take this into consideration when choosing whether or not to approve this merger.

Thank you,



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